

## Frederick County Commission For Women

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### Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2014

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**Commissioners Present:** Veralynn Morris, Marcela Perez, Ashley Collier, Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Annie Jones, Susan Mender, and Shellome Walters,

**Absent Commissioners:** Christine, Ferguson, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Diana Halleman, Cynthia Miller, Chloe Scott and Olga Hernandez-Smith

**Guests Present:** Tish Honse, Rosario Campos, Maura Page, Leigh Adams and Nina Carr

#### I. President's Report and Announcements

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. At this time, a quorum was not present, so the approval of the September 2014 minutes were tabled until later in the meeting
- b. Commissioners and Guests introduced themselves.
- c. **Speaker: Leigh Adams, Director of Marketing, Goodwill Industries**
  - Ms. Adams gave an overview of the services provided by Goodwill Industries. She noted:
  - They have 4 retail stores in Frederick County.
  - They receive no government funding, all of the funding is from the sales at the retail stores.
  - Some of their programs include, Community Donation Partnerships, Donations from Business, several training programs to assist citizens with job placement.
  - Goodwill served over 2,000 people in the last 12 months and placed over 1,700 in employment.
  - Their fundraiser, "Second Runway" will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at The Faux School.
- d. **Approval of the September 19, 2014 (at 7:15, a quorum was present)**

Commissioner Dobson moved to approve the September 9, 2014 meeting minutes and Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Calendar of Events** – No Calendar of Events was presented to the Commissioners. However several events were discussed:
  - Walk and Wag benefiting the Frederick Humane Society at Ballenger Creek Park. For more information, contact Commissioner Collier.

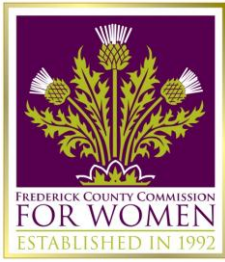
#### II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Marcela Perez

- a. Treasurer Perez presented the September 30, 2014 financial report. She discussed some of the entries and acknowledged that there were a few mistakes including the date. Commissioner Dougherty asked about the PayPal deposit and offered to work with Treasurer Perez on this account and the other accounts.

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### III. Old Business

- a. Human Trafficking Seminar – Vice President Morris and Nina Carr discussed this event. Stating that there was a good turnout and the material presented was very enlightening. Ms. Carr noted that the committee will be a wrap-up meeting at which time, they will decide what the next step will be.
- b. March on Frederick – Commissioner Walters discussed this event. She noted that it was well attended and shared some experiences of expressed by other participants
- c. Naturalization Ceremony sponsored by the Human Relations Commissions. Commissioners Dougherty and Dobson registered about 14 new citizens to vote.

### IV. New Business

- a. There was no new business to discuss

### V. Committee Reports

- a. **Legislative** – Commissioner Dobson gave an update on the “Meet the Candidate” Night. All candidates will in attendance.
- b. **Marketing** –no report was given
- c. **Outreach** – Commissioner Perez gave the report. It was noted that Commissioner Dougherty has joined the committee. On September 30, 2014, the Committee worked in conjunction with the Ft. Detrick Alliance to distribute food. The Commission for Women was represented at the Latino Festival where they conducted a voter registration drive. In October, they sponsored a pot luck dinner for families of the military at Ft. Detrick.
- d. **Recruiting/Volunteer** – Commissioner Mender reported that we have one application to become an intern. This person will be interviewed by Commissioner Jones. We also have 2 new applications that were received in the past week. One applicant is Nina Carr who introduced herself. Commissioner Mender recommended that the Commission for Women vote in closed session on Rosario Campos’s application as she has been through the interview process.

### VI. Meeting Announcement – The public meeting was officially closed at 8:00 and the Commissioners went into private session.

### VII. Closed Session: The Commissioners went into closed session to discuss Rosario Campos application to become a Commissioner. Commissioner Dobson moved that Ms. Campos be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for recommendation of appointment to the Commission for Women, Commissioner Mender seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. President Ferguson will make the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

### VIII. Adjournment. Commissioner Dobson moved and Commissioner Collier seconded that the meeting would adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 7:00pm. The change of date is due to Veteran’s Day Holiday on November 11, 2014.

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